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**OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR** 

Subject: New Hampshire Surface Water Quality Regulations

Dear Ms. Lubber:

The Department of Environmental Services has recently adopted amendments to the New Hampshire Surface Water Quality Regulations. These amendments were adopted in accordance with New Hampshire law on December 3, 1999 and took effect on December 10, 1999. Please find enclosed the following:

- 1. A copy of our recently adopted Surface Water Quality Regulations. For your convenience, we have also enclosed an annotated copy of the Standards detailing all of the modifications made from our previously adopted Standards. Please note that these Standards also contain our Antidegradation Provisions and requirements for establishing mixing zones.
- 2. A Certificate of Legal Authority prepared by the Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General; and
  - 3. A copy of the pertinent sections of RSA 485-A describing the designated uses.

Please consider this submittal as a formal request for approval of these amendments as required by 40 CFR Part 131.5.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the Department's appreciation for the considerable assistance provided to us by Bill Beckwith of your staff. His expertise, professionalism and dedication were of great value.

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Should you have any questions regarding these Standards, please contact George Berlandi at (603) 271-2458.

Sincerely

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